

House Bill 29

By: Representative Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 27-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing without a license or permit generally and license requirements for nonresidents, so as to provide an exception for persons age 65 and older who hold valid licenses issued in another state; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 27-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing without a license or permit generally and license requirements for nonresidents, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person not a resident of Georgia who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt, fish in the waters of this state, or trap ~~in this state~~ without a valid nonresident hunting, fishing, or trapping license, respectively, as provided in Code Section 27-2-23, except as otherwise specifically provided by law and interstate agreements. It shall be unlawful for any nonresident to hunt, fish in the waters of this state, or trap without carrying such license on his or her person, unless otherwise specifically directed by authorized personnel of the department.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding, any person age 65 or older who is not a resident of Georgia but who holds and carries on his or her person a valid noncommercial hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by his or her state of residence shall not be required to obtain an equivalent nonresident license from this state in order to hunt, fish in the waters of this state, or trap."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.